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1. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO OUR INTERESTS
IN BRAZIL THAT THE JOINT BRAZIL-U.S. MILITARY COMMISSION CONTINUE
TO BE THE INSTRUMENT OF BRAZIL-U.S. MILITARY COOPERATION, AND THAT
THE U.S. DELEGATION BE MAINTAINED AT A PERSONNEL LEVEL COMMENSURATE
WITH THE PRESENT AND POTENTIAL IMPORTANCE OF BRAZIL TO U.S.
POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SECURITY INTERESTS.

2. IN THIS REGARD, WITH THE PHASING OUT OF IMET AND THE ECONOMIC
RESTRICTIONS ON THE ACQUISITION OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT, THE U.S.
DELEGATION HAS INITIATED OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, A SERIES OF CO-
OPERATIVE ACTIVITIES AND PROFESSIONAL EXCHANGES WHICH HAVE
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STRENGTHENED MILITARY TIES AND DIALOGUE AT THE DECISION MAKING
LEVELS OF THE BRAZILIAN ARMED FORCES. WITH THE REDUCTION OF
TWO (2) GENERAL OFFICERS IT IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT THAT
PERSONNEL LEVELS BE MAINTAINED WHICH WILL INSURE CONTINUATION
OF THESE VERY PROMISING ONGOING INITIATIVES THAT HAVE RECENTLY
BEEN INITIATED.

3. WE RECOGNIZE, ON THE OTHER HAND, AS WAS POINTED OUT IN THE
REFTEL, THAT IF WE DO NOT EFFECT ADEQUATE REDUCTIONS THE
CONGRESS WILL. WITH THIS IN MIND, WE ACCEPT THE REDUCTION OF THE
U.S. DELEGATION MILITARY STRENGTH LEVEL TO THIRTY THREE (33)
SPACES. WE ARE, HOWEVER, MINDFUL THAT THIS REDUCTION WILL
HAVE A RESTRICTIVE EFFECT ON ONGOING PROGRAMS BUT MUST BE
ACCEPTED UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.
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